

New Advertisements.

\$25 Reward—J. H. Grover, for Sale—John Bogart, Temperance Society—Aurora, Great Bargains—W. J. Marsh, Cooks—C. Cook, Architects—T. Sticks, \$10 Reward—J. Rynders, Cash for Wheat—J. Culverwell, Township Notice—J. W. Collins, Farm for Sale—R. Hasty, Plaid Shawls—J. Leishman.

The New Era.

Newmarket, Friday, Jan. 25th, 1856.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A PUBLIC meeting will be held in the Court House, on Saturday, February 2nd, 1856, to take into consideration the propriety of petitioning Parliament to have Newmarket incorporated, &c., at 2 o'clock p.m. Those interested are invited to attend.

Mr. Conger has been returned for Peterboro'. We have not heard by what majority.

We again remind the friends of Temperance, that the Cadets of Newmarket Section, assisted by the Juvenile Temperance Association, hold their public meeting this (Friday) evening. We are also requested to state that the Aurora Division S. of T. hold their Annual Soiree on Wednesday evening next, the 30th inst. Tea will be served at six o'clock p.m. See Adv.

The United Counties Council of York and Peel met at the Court House, Toronto, on Monday next, the 28th inst. Great complaints have been made that some of the School Superintendents in their jurisdiction have not attended to their duties; but have taken great care to draw their pay. The Council should pass a By-Law forbidding the payment of these Superintendents, unless they produce a certificate from the Reeve of the Township in which they reside, stating the work to have been performed. We have only to refer to the report of the King Council which was published just before Christmas, to prove the necessity of taking this step. The idea that a man, whether performing the duties of his office or not, can draw his salary, is simply giving the color of legality to public plunder. The Council must certainly have the remedy in their own hands.

Great Fire—Loss \$20,000.

An alarm of Fire was given about half-past 12 o'clock this a.m., which proved to be Dr. Ford's new Steam Flouring Mills, situated near the Depot. The fire appears to have originated in the engine-house; and yet when the fact is taken into consideration that the mill has not been running since yesterday noon, it has given rise to various rumors regarding the same. The mill was only completed last fall, and was estimated to be worth \$20,000. The building was partially insured. Fortunately for Dr. Ford there was but a very few bushels of grain in the mill, and no flour—the miller having had all the flour on hand carried to the Depot yesterday for shipment to the United States. The large quantity of snow now lying on the roofs of the houses, saved Brock's Hotel and the Depot buildings from being also consumed.

Missionary Meeting.

The Annual meeting of the Missionary Society in connection with the Congregational Church, Newmarket, was held at the Chapel, Botsford Street, on Monday evening last, the 21st inst. After singing an appropriate hymn and prayer offered by the Rev. Mr. Byrne, on motion of Rev. Mr. Baker, seconded by Dr. Lillie, Eli. Gorham, Esq., was called to the chair.

The chairman on taking his place stated, briefly, the object of the meeting, viz.: to aid in sending the gospel to the destitute portions of our country. He would not take up the time of the meeting with any remarks he might offer, but would at once call upon those who came on purpose to deliver addresses. The chairman then introduced Rev. Mr. Byrne to the assembly, who delivered a lengthy and interesting speech. He was followed by Dr. Lillie and the Rev. Mr. Baker. At the close of the meeting, a collection and subscriptions were solicited, both amounting to the handsome sum of \$22 6s 5d. The assembly was large and respectable.

The New York Commercial Advertiser begins to perceive the halter into which the Americans are slipping. "In creating a disturbance with England," he says, "in whatever light the matter is regarded it is one demanding attention, especially from our commercial and mercantile community. Our commerce is deeply involved in the settlement of the dispute. The commerce is now extended to every sea, and would present a tempting prize to any hostile naval power. Any conflict with this country would necessarily be upon the ocean. England is armed. Her navy is large and fully equipped. Our coast is extended but little protected, and might be subjected to heavy contributions before the country is prepared for defence. Our navy is small in comparison, of size and force, with that of Great Britain. The remoteness and isolation of our Pacific state and territories presents an element of political weakness which any hostile power would not fail to appreciate. And we know not to what extent the Emperor of the French, who undeniably has acquired great sway in questions of English policy, may be disposed to fan the embers of discontent between this country and England into a flame of open war. These are facts that should not be lost sight of, that cannot be regarded with indifference by any one who desires to see his country prepared for whatever contingencies may await it."

Whitechurch Council.

The Council elect for the Township of Whitechurch, viz.: Messrs. Joseph Hartman, J. R. Brown, David March, Joshua Willson and Jacob Johnson, met at the Court House Newmarket on Monday last the 21st inst.

The oath of office, (prescribed by law,) were duly administered by Eli Gorham, Esq., and the members took their seats—the Clerk, Mr. J. W. Collins, in the Chair.

On motion of Mr. J. R. Brown, seconded by Mr. J. Willson, Joseph Hartman, Esq., was elected Town Reeve; and after subscribing to the oaths of qualification took the chair.

On motion of Mr. March seconded by Mr. Johnson, J. R. Brown was elected Deputy Reeve.

Mr. J. C. Moulton was appointed by the Council and Mr. John Davison by the Reeve, as Auditors of Township accounts.

Messrs. Jared Lloyd and J. S. Wilkin were presented and accepted as bondsmen for the

Inspectors of Houses of Public Entertainment, for the year 1856.

On motion of Mr. March, seconded by Mr. Joshua Willson, Mr. John Richardson was appointed Assessor for the current year.

A resolution was adopted authorizing Messrs. Brown and Johnson to sell to the highest bidder the timber on the side line road between Lots No. 20 and 21 in the 9th concession, and expend the proceeds on said road.

A petition was presented from T. Switzer and others praying for an alteration in Road Division No. 4, in the 7th concession, said petition was deferred until next meeting.

A by-law was then introduced appointing Township Officers for the current year. The following is a synopsis of the same:—

POUND KEEPERS.

Messrs: Joseph Hewitt, Abram Taylor, Wm. Williamson, John German and Andrew Mahan.

FENCE VIEWERS.

Messrs: Isaac Lundy, J. Widdifield, Philip Bogart, A. Stukely, E. Wheeler, A. Stouffer, V. Johnson, E. Lewis, C. Webb, C. Randall, Samuel Rose, R. Johnson and R. Truman.

The following persons were then appointed Overseers of Highways:

First Concession. Messrs: James Legg, Peter Graham, Sam'l Maclellan, Thomas L. Henscock, Eli James, John Millard.

Second Concession. Messrs: A. McKenzie, John Kerr, S. Pindar, John Delvin, Isaac Lundy, J. Ironsides.

Newmarket No. 1. Messrs Abram Coryell, James Allen and Joseph Botsford.

Newmarket No. 2. Messrs: J. W. Marsden, C. Moulton, Elwood Hughes, J. W. Marsden.

Third Concession. Messrs: S. Baker, J. Sherk, James Lloyd, J. Sherk, J. Sherk, M. Steele, R. Travis, T. Reynolds, J. Mowder, P. Bogart.

Fourth Concession. Messrs: George Clubine, P. Gower, J. Scott, George Masterman, Peter Lyne, A. Haight, M. Starr.

Fifth Concession. Messrs: S. Stukely, E. Morton, W. Gildroy, E. Lundy, E. May, George Playter.

Sixth Concession. Messrs: Christian Stukely, Adam Hastings, Luke Jordan, J. Widdifield.

Seventh Concession. Messrs: S. Muzzleman, John Davis, Wm. Cook.

Eighth Concession. Messrs: Christian Lehman, Peter Lehman, Wm. McIntock, David George, Robert Redhead.

Ninth Concession. Messrs: Maxson Jones, Wm. Linton, sent, John Doherty, John Grose.

Tenth Concession. Messrs: Joseph Alsop, Joseph Davis, John Holmkey.

Town Line South. Messrs: Casper Wildeman, George Brodie, John Graham.

Stouffville. Messrs: John German and Richard Barnes.

The Council then adjourned, to meet at Sangster's Inn Stouffville, on Monday, the 11th of February, at 10 o'clock a.m.

North York Agricultural Society.

The Annual General Meeting of the North York Branch Agricultural Society was held in the Court House, Newmarket, on Tuesday last, the 22nd inst.—Capt. Berresford, the President in the Chair. The business of the meeting commenced by reading the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer,—the substance of which follows:

The society during the past year worked most harmoniously, and is at present in a far more prosperous condition than ever. The Directors have held seven meetings, exclusive of general meetings required by law. At the Spring Show 17 ploughmen competed for prizes; 17 horses were entered as competitors; and 4 Bulls,—among this number were several imported animals. At the Fall Exhibition 293 entries were made with the Secretary, competing for prizes in the various classes,—being 107 above the previous year. The amount paid in premiums the past year was £41 17s 6d. The sum received as subscriptions from members amounted to £47 15s; and the balance on hand at present being £10 18s 8d.

On motion of Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Wilkin, the reports were adopted.

The President then stated that the next business would be the election of officers for the ensuing year. The Secretary had referred, in his report, to the harmony that characterized the transactions of the Society during the past year. This was the case—the kindliest feelings had been manifested. The exertions put forth had raised the society to what it was; and it was only by exertion that such successes succeeded. He was told in Toronto, a short time since, that one society in Scarborough, and one somewhere else, had actually died a natural death, for want of exertion. He wished for a long and prosperous career to the North York Branch Agricultural Society.

Mr. Trent the Vice-President, perfectly coincided with the remarks just made by the President. He wished to see the Society prosper. During the past year he had not left a chip unturned to make the society a good one; and he now hoped it would go forward, and that the members would be more active.

Moved by Mr. Wilkin, seconded by Mr. Randall, "That Mr. Samuel Trent be elected President for the ensuing year." Carried unanimously.

Mr. Trent thanked the meeting for the honor they had done him, but he must decline serving. He had worked hard the past year, and he thought they ought to relieve him one of the others present, and by this means bring in new working men.

In consequence of Mr. Trent declining a new election was held when Messrs. Joshua Willson, R. Culverwell and J. D. Phillips were severally nominated; and on ballots being cast, J. D. Phillips, Esq., was declared elected.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of a Vice-President. Messrs. Wilkin, Joshua Willson, and John Randall were nominated, and on a ballot being taken, Mr. J. S. Wilkin was declared elected.

Moved by Mr. J. D. Phillips, seconded by Mr. A. Boulton—"That both the Secretary and Treasurer, be re-elected." Carried.

The following gentlemen were then elected Directors, for the ensuing year:

Messrs. J. W. Collins, Joshua Willson, R. Culverwell, J. Dann, J. Randall, John Terry, Thos. Heacock, J. Clubine and John Rogers.

Mr. Cawthra wished to make a few remarks before the meeting adjourned. At the commencement of last year we were nearly in a state of insolvency. On the President taking office, he was aware of this fact, and resolved, if possible, to make the Society successful. The President's liberality,—backed by the activities of the Vice-President, had materially contributed to make the society what it was this day. He would therefore move a vote of thanks be tendered the President and Vice-President, for their exertions on behalf of this Society.

Moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Stevens, "That the President do now leave the Chair, and that Mr. Collins do take the same." Carried.

On Mr. Collins taking the chair, Mr. Cawthra moved that a vote of thanks be tendered the President and Vice-President for their exertions on behalf of this society.

Mr. Phillips rose to second the resolution, and he did so with a great deal of pleasure. At the close of previous years we were always in debt; but through the exertions of these two gentlemen, principally, we now find £10 in the hands of the Treasurer to commence another year with. He had great pleasure, therefore, in seconding the resolution.—Carried unanimously.

Capt. Berresford thanked the meeting for their kindness. He believed they had done well in not selecting the same parties to serve a second year in the President and Vice-President's offices. By bringing different individuals into these offices and making changes, we infuse fresh blood, which would perhaps keep up the interest of the society. It was indeed gratifying to him to mark the progress the society made during the past year, and he would always consider it an honor to promote the general welfare of the North York Branch Agricultural Society.—Cheers.

Mr. Trent said it was always an easy thing to follow a good leader. After the remarks of Captain Berresford, he would only say, he perfectly coincided with him. For his own part, he had done everything he could to promote the general interest of the society; but notwithstanding this, he did not consider he had done any more than his duty, or more than any other members ought to have done. For the future, he would continue to give to the society his support and exert himself in its behalf. He hoped sincerely it would go on and prosper.—Applause.

The meeting then adjourned.

The first meeting of the Directors takes place on the first Wednesday in April, at the Court House, Newmarket, at 2 o'clock p.m.

East Gwillimbury Council.

The members elect composing this Council met at the Mansion House, Sharon, on Monday last, the 21st inst., viz., Messrs. Stiles, Willson, Powell, Bowman, and Holborn—the Clerk, Mr. H. D. Willson, in the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Holborne, H. D. Stiles, Esq., was elected Town Reeve.

Mr. Holborne moved, seconded by Mr. Stiles, "That Mr. Powell be Deputy Reeve."

Mr. Willson rose to move an amendment. During the past year Mr. Powell had held that office, which enabled him to act in the capacity of a magistrate. The Legislature had provided that the deputy should act in that capacity, thereby enabling the people to elect to a certain extent, their own magistrates. Mr. Powell during the past year had refused to act in that capacity; besides there were other localities where magistrates were actually needed; Birchard-town wanted one. Mr. Powell had said he would not do the Deputy Reeve's work, and actually had refused to administer oaths of Qualification, thereby rendering himself liable to be prosecuted for perjury. Birchard-town wanted a magistrate, and he would move in amendment, "That Mr. Bowman be elected to that office."

Mr. Powell stated that Mr. Willson had misrepresented the case. The oath of Deputy Reeve only required him to act in the absence of the reeve. There was altogether a different oath administered to a magistrate. He did not believe, there was anything in the oath of the Deputy Reeve compelling him to act in the capacity of a Magistrate.

Mr. Stiles thought that Mr. Willson had come out rather strong on an old friend, who had always borne an unblemished character. The oath of Deputy Reeve remains the same as it did before the law enabled that officer to act as a magistrate. He differed with Mr. Willson in relation to what the law required of Deputy Reeves. Although the law authorizes it, did not force him to act in that capacity. Mr. Willson would convey the idea that a Deputy was bound to act as magistrate, but such was not the case. If he (Mr. W.) was convinced that Mr. Powell had perjured himself, he should have put the law in force. Mr. Powell was a man well known all over the Township, while Mr. Bowman was but a comparative stranger.

The Councilor for Birchard-town might be a good man and he might be a bad one; but being a stranger he thought it bad policy to discard an old friend.

Mr. Willson again desired to make a few remarks. Mr. Stiles would hold out the idea that he (Mr. W.) ought to turn informer. This was not his disposition. But if they had tried a man for one year, and found him wanting they should endeavor to secure a better man another year. Last year he was willing that Mr. Powell should take the office; he had failed to do his duty. The people were deprived of his usefulness. As a man privately he had nothing against Mr. Powell; but when he had failed to perform his public duties, he felt bound to oppose him for a public situation. Although Mr. Bowman was a stranger, he came to the council with a sweep-

ing majority; his Ward, therefore must have had confidence in him. He (Mr. W.) could see where the shoe pinched. If he (Mr. Stiles) had a few minutes private conversation with the gentleman from Birchard-town, to know how he would vote, perhaps the same objections might not be urged. Mr. Stiles did not know how he (Mr. B.) would vote for Warden.

Mr. Stiles was not at all surprised at the conduct of Mr. Willson. They were well known to each other. [Roars of Laughter.] As far as the Warden was concerned, he had made up his mind to propose that both Mr. Hartman and Mr. Gainable retire from the contest, and a new man selected; but in case they did not, the people knew how he should vote.

After some few remarks across the table the Clerk put the amendment, which was lost.—the original motion, that Mr. Powell be Deputy Reeve, was carried.

Mr. Stiles then took the chair, and after thanking them for the honor they had done him, by again electing him to preside at their deliberations, and stating that he could do no better than he had formerly, he called their attention to the fact of the resignation of the School Superintendent, and desired them to express their opinions relative to a successor.

The Clerk then read the minutes of last meeting after which, Mr. Willson called attention to some unfinished business, relative to a return from Mr. Harrison. The return was then presented and received.

On motion of Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Powell, two Assessors were appointed to each ward—viz:

Ward No. 1. Messrs. Stephen Howard and Joseph Braman.

Ward No. 2. Messrs. Judah Doan and H. Croxon.

Ward No. 3. Messrs. John South and J. Moore.

Ward No. 4. Messrs. Thompson Cuyler and Isaac Tool.

Ward No. 5. Messrs. John Fletcher and J. Atkinson.

Moved by Mr. Willson, seconded by Mr. Powell, "That W. J. Marsh, Esq., be appointed Auditor, for the current year." Carried.

The Reeve then appointed Mr. John Terry as the other Auditor.

To be Continued.

Agricultural Societies.

EAST GWILLIMBURY.

The annual meeting of the East Gwillimbury Agricultural Society, for the election of office bearers, &c., took place at Hamilton's Inn, Queen Street, on the 12th ult. The following gentlemen were elected to the various offices: President—H. Wilcocks, Esq. Vice President—Mr. J. H. Willson. Secretary—Mr. John Terry. Treasurer—Mr. George Foster. DIRECTORS.

Messrs. T. Brothers, W. McLeod, Edwin Hunter, Wm. Cane, W. J. Marsh, A. McMullen, Judah Doan, George Stokes and Dr. E. Morton.

This society bids fair to become one of the most useful institutions East Gwillimbury has had established for years.

KING TOWNSHIP.

King Agricultural Society met for the election officers and the transaction of general business, on Saturday, the 12th inst., at Mr. Hulse's inn, between Kenleby and Lloydstown. The following gentlemen were elected to serve the ensuing year:

President—Thomas Scott, Esq.

Vice President—N. A. Gamble, Esq.

Sec'y and Treas.—Wm. Wells, Esq.

DIRECTORS.

Messrs. B. Pearson, T. Elliott, J. Wood, I. Snider, J. Brooks, senr., Wm. Thompson, J. P. Wells, G. L. Pearson, and M. Stevenson.

A resolution was adopted condemnatory of the conduct of the County Treasurer, who, it appears, has unjustly withheld the money apportioned them by the County Board. The meeting was well attended, and the kindest feeling manifested.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We wish it to be distinctly understood that we are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

Political Divisions.

To the Editor of the New Era.

Sharon, Jan'y 22, 1856. I have ordered my cause and I know I will prevail—or be justified. In politics, my country hath been the cause of my elevation. My theory hath been Union; but I have failed in uniting our party in the patriotic cause.—Reform was the base-work of my actions; and I succeeded admirably till a division took place in the Fourth Riding. Now, my friends, it must be obvious to every thinking mind, that Reformers have overthrown their own cause by divisions, and have become in two parts that which was one. When Reformers became opposed to Reformers, our cause hath fallen apart. We have a clouded Riding. To attempt a union in our present condition, would be in vain: then let us review the cause of our fall. Our union brought Reformers victoriously into one which is now two weak parts. Our honor is lost, and our own shame is justly the garment we ought to wear. Now I attempt to offer a remedy for, or to, our political disease. Let us cease using the old sword of agitation—one part against another, and we shall unite in the cause of our country. It is extreme agitation that overthrews our country's cause. In pleading the one side of a political division we offend the other. Let us review the past agitation and effects. We have divided the once honored Riding—became weak that was strong—disunited that was united—two princeling prelates—two representatives chosen in one cause. Now I am the patriot and patriarch, and deny having part in the division, or of being for one part or against the other. I gave a vote for an old reformer, and my brethren were against me. As for the past political course, I am done; but I am bound to the cause of my country. It was not the Tories that divided the Fourth Riding, but Reformers. I am not in alliance with any political party; but as a patriot I am for the union of parties—the peace of the Riding and prosperity of the country. This is my political theory and is a union that will be justified. It is not right that one horse should show the whole lead, and the other should follow.

DAVID WILSON.

To the Editor of the New Era.

Whitchurch, 15th Jan., 1856.

MR. EDITOR.—Permit me to trouble you for space in your columns for the enclosed copy of a letter, addressed by me to W. L. Mackenzie, Esq., in reply to an attack upon me in his Weekly Message of the 11th inst.

That portion included within brackets, I see, has for reasons unknown to me, been omitted, from the Message of yesterday, where the other part appears.

Yours,

JOSEPH HARTMAN.

Whitchurch, 15th January, 1856.

W. L. MCKENZIE, Esq., Editor Message.

SIR.—In your paper of the 11th inst., I find an article under the caption "Mr. HARTMAN AND THE CLERGY RESERVES' JOB," in which you indulge in some very serious charges against me and then invite me "to explain."

A fair, candid criticism of public conduct of public men, can do no harm, may be commendable. Had your notice of my conduct, above alluded to, possessed these characteristics, I would not have paid any attention to it; nor do I now reply with any hope that your conduct towards me will be thereby improved. Your readers, however, have some interest in the matter I will therefore avail myself of your invitation "to explain."

What you mean by your reference to the letter addressed by Mr. Hincks to me, pending the election of 1851, I cannot understand, unless it is that, in regard to it, I stated what was not true, or that I ought to have published it. The letter is still in my possession. Its publication could only be required as a means of promoting the public good. Your frequent references to it, induce the belief that you would like to get hold of it. You can do so whenever you make it appear to me that the public welfare will be promoted thereby.

I come now to the "point," you ask me "to clear up publicly," and which you say you have not been able to get me to do "privately."

Your charge against me, embracing this "point," is in plain English, that "I voted for the Stagnant Bill in consideration of the votes of Lower Canadians being given for the Clergy Reserves Bill." If I understand your language, that is the true meaning.

When you pointed that accusation you know as well as you know you were alive, there was not a shadow of truth in it. You knew I voted, spoke and acted against both bills. You know now you never had any reason to believe I had the slightest sympathy, politically, with those who were parties to the bargain of which Upper Canadian interests and public sentiment were so shamefully sacrificed. Why you manufactured and uttered the slander is another question.

The particular matter which you say you have never been able to get me "privately" to explain I suspect is my vote against your two motions copied from Mr. John A. Macdonald, Journals 1853, pages 783 & 785. I have no recollection that you ever asked me, either privately or publicly for my reasons for these votes, or I am quite sure I would have given them. I will now do so. They are two-fold, first your motions, or rather Mr. Macdonald's motions in your hands, altogether correct in the abstract, in their construction, and application, conveyed a false idea. In this opinion I believe you agreed with me so far as the first is concerned. See Journals of 1853, pages 783 & 784. You will there find your own name recorded nay on the first of those motions and it is the principal one.

Secondly. Before your motions were presented to the House I had lost all hopes of seeing the Bill made at all acceptable and determined to vote against it in toto. I have never been in the habit of supporting Bills until the last stage and then suddenly reversing my course, and voting against them. You may recollect one who has done so in some memorable instances.

You say again, you proposed "to apply the immense Funds of the deceased Jesuits to this object and not Upper Canada money and "Mr. Hartman, though in the House avoided the vote," and then refer to the page of the Journals as if that would show my presence.

I am constrained to say again you know this to be untrue. I was not in the house when that and the following vote were taken. As to being "invisible," to use a choice term of yours, how does it come that your own name does not appear in the next preceding vote to that which you charge me with avoiding? Why is it that a man whose name is omitted in so many instances in the votes of last session, as your own, can find no other way of venting his spleen against one who had the misfortune to refuse to be guided by your whim, than manufacturing such charges?

Why could you not, when compelled to say I voted against the passing of the Bill, do so frankly without attributing to me the evil of your own diseased imagination?

When you accuse me of being absent from the vote on the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, you insinuate that I "may have known what was coming and left for Toronto?" Truly, you give me credit for great foresight. I do not believe that even yourself, gifted as you are, or any one else—out of the government, or hardly in it, knew when I left on the 12th Dec., what sort of a bill would come back, or whether any at all would come—my own impression based upon the best information I could get was, there would be no Bill at all. Another item in your complaint is that I was absent whilst 20 pages of Journals were adopted. You do not show, however, that the country lost materially thereby. I was absent the whole of the five days including that of the adjournment—and probably the only effect upon the public welfare was, my daily allowance for the time was saved, and this you will admit was some advantage. If you desire a comparison of the time you and I spent in the House, or of the number of questions upon which our votes are recorded you can be gratified.

Your last complaint is that I opposed the application of Lower Canada funds to Lower Canada uses, but you do not show when I did it, or how—just because you could not. [When I first read your strictures, I was at a loss for the reason of such an attack—such a volley, at such

a time. All too, manufactured from the said material. A closer perusal however, of the concluding paragraphs, I think affords a clue; You have a peculiar penchant for finding fault with office holders. In some of your remarks you insinuate that I am an office seeker. Surely somebody has been hoaxing you. Pray let your mind rest easy on that score. Don't lose your self-possession quite. There is but little danger to either of us, from the burden of office care; neither you nor I was cast in the right mould for anything of the kind. You invited me to explain, the charges you preferred. You have now my explanation—and I trust I do not ask too much in requesting for this an early insertion therein.

Yours,

JOSEPH HARTMAN.

"Melancholy Madness."

(REPLY TO THE MESSRS. HARTMAN.)

Since ever on sea with Lyfens we sang,
In the good old days of the Classic tongue;
When Homer and Virgil, Poets Divine,
Drank deep at the fount of our sacred shrine,
The gods and mortals of mind and of taste,
Heroes of battles, and fair women chaste,
Have bowed to our sway with homage sincere,
Till new light bursts on a strange looking scene.
Upon this dullest of monstrous asses;
Of gender neuter, the species unknown,
Head like Medusa's, turns all things to stone;
Optics so verdant, all objects look green,
And "madness" teems in a mantic mien.
Oh pity, high judge, have mercy we pray,
Send us not with your crazed clients away—
To Asylum—robbed of money and brains,
Nor give us a Philbrick's dose for our pains.
Now all ye Lovers of verse and of song,
Hang up your harps on the willows along—
The Sentinel's walls—there let them be dead,
Till Atropos cuts the Editor's thread.
Then again may the saddened world rejoice,
In the hallowed strains of our blissful voice—
The voice of passion that love diffuses
Through Heaven and earth, by us the muses,
Clio, Tarphochos,
Erato,
Thalia, Polyhymnia,
Melpomene, Calliope,
Urania.

Mount Parnossus,
Anno Mundi 5360.

BY TELEGRAPH.

AMUSEMENT.

An enquiring young gentleman wishes to know whether there would be any harm in a "feller" sitting down on the lap of a girl?

NEW DISAPPOINTMENT.—Well, Robt. how much did your pig weigh? "I didn't weigh as much as I expected, and I always thought it would."

It is a singular fact that a woman cannot look down a precipice of any magnitude without becoming instantly dizzy. But, what is still more singular, the dizziness departs the very moment somebody puts his arm around her waist to keep her from falling. Queer isn't it?

BACHELORS.—If our Maker thought it wrong for Adam to live single, when there was not a single woman on earth, how criminally guilty are old bachelors, with the world full of pretty girls! Let young men think of this.

"I once heard," says S. G. Goodrich, "a boy who, being rebuked by a preacher for neglecting to go to church, replied that he would go if he could be permitted to change his seat." "But why do you wish to change your seat?" said the preacher. "You see," said the boy, "I sit over the opposite side of the meeting-house, and between me and you there's a lady and a Mary Staples, and half a dozen other women, with their mouths wide open, and they get all the best of the sermon, and when it comes to me it's pretty poor stuff."

SLEEPING CHRISTIANS.—"The devil," says Luther, "held a great anniversary, at which his emissaries were convened to report the results of their several missions. 'I let loose the wild beasts of the desert,' said one, 'on a caravan of Christians, and their bones are now bleaching on the sands.' 'What of that?' said the devil; 'their souls were all saved.' 'For ten years I tried to get a single Christian asleep,' said a third, 'and I succeeded and left him so.' 'Then the devil shouted,' continued Luther, 'and the night stars of hell sang for joy.'

FIRST DEPARTMENT OF LEAP YEAR.—A party of twenty-two ladies and gentlemen, from Rockville, Ct., visited this city on Friday, in the capacity of a sleighing party, dining and taking supper at the Messiaso House, and visiting the Armory and other of the prominent features of Springfield. The ladies acted as escorts for the gentlemen, ordering the meals, paying the bills, and furnishing the comforts of the trip generally.—*Springfield Republican.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

LIST OF LETTERS

REMAINING at the Stouffville Post Office January 1st, 1855.

Benedict Thomas	Lee Francis
Bugg James	Lehman Daniel
Boden Henry	Loman Christian
Burgess Samuel	Law David
Bord Dunschill	Monck Joseph
Collinsky Augustus	Moore Peter
Connon Mrs Anna	McDole Job
Carlson Israel	McMullen Henry
Cake Jonas	Patterson James M
Elson William	Raymer Samuel
Franklin John	Swales & Othaz Messrs
Fenton William J	Longster John
Frenott John	Stouffer Jacob
Graham Milton	Stapleton Thomas
Gilber Samuel Senr	Shoefelt Peter
Hutchison John	Shell Paul
Hill John	Smith Mathew
Hamilton Robert	Silvester George H.
Horn George	Vanhorn Abraham
Johnson Jacob	Whiteman Joseph
Kester Philip	Whitehouse F.
Kirby Joseph	

NEW STORE!

STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS AND MILLINERY,
At No. 84, Yonge Street, four doors North of Adelaide Street.

THE Subscriber feels grateful for the liberal patronage he has received from his numerous friends, and he is now opening out a large and choice selection of Staple and Fancy

Dry Goods and Millinery,

Embracing every article in the trade. These goods have been selected by himself, expressly for this market, and he therefore can confidently recommend them to his customers.

Orders via the Northern Railroad, from the country punctually attended to.

Great Bargains will be given. Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.

A. H. EART,
84, Yonge Street.
Toronto, Oct. 1st, 1855.

GALLERY OF ART.

J. E. PELL,
Carver, Gilder, Looking-Glass and PICTURE-FRAME MANUFACTURER,
64, King Street West, Toronto.
RESPECTFULLY announces to his friends and the public at large, that his stock of MANTLE AND PIER GLASSES, Window Cornices, Engravings, and other various articles in his line of business, is the most elegant and extensive in Canada, and will always be sold at the lowest remunerative prices.

September 18, 1855.

HOTEL DE L'EUROPE,
No. 36, Front Street, Toronto,
Opposite the City Hall.

Kept by DAVID KLEIN.

STABLES and Sheds to accommodate travel. S. L. L. Meals ready at all hours. This house is comfortably furnished in the latest style.

Fall Importations, 1855.

J. JACKSON,

No. 8, King Street West, Toronto.
HAVING completed his Fall Stock of China, Glass and Earthen Ware, is prepared to furnish Country Merchants and others, with every article in the Trade. J. J.'s stores will be found to consist of—
China, Glassware, Granite, Stoneware, Pot, Spiced O. C. and Yellow Ware, which he will sell.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
As cheap as any house in the Trade. Assorted Goods kept constantly on hand.

Toronto, Sept. 1855.

AURORA ADVERTISEMENTS

NEW IMPORTED GOODS!!

THE Subscribers have recently Imported from Europe, Ex Steamers Africa, Pacific, Baltic, Empire State and Daniel Webster, a choice stock of Seasonable Dry Goods.

Among which will be found, extremely low, Plain and Cross-barred Muslins, Coburgs, Orleans, Alpaccas, French Marins, Gala Plaids, Muslin de Laines, &c., &c., Peterbams, Tweeds, Broad-cloths, Cassimeres, Flannels, Shawls, Worsted Handkerchiefs, Mullers, Carpets, &c.

Also, from New York and Boston, A choice stock of Fresh Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Sugar-house Syrup, Tobacco, American Cheese, and a general assortment of

Family Groceries.

American Hardware, Sheetings, Canton Flannels, Satinets, Plain and Figured Hartford Reunant Prints, Battings, and Tickings. Also, Ladies' Misses and Youths

BOOTS AND SHOES,

Metallic Boots and Shoes, Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Dye-stuffs, and Fancy Articles. All of which will be sold at a small advance. These Goods were brought on much more advantageous terms than former Importations, by the senior Partner.

A General Call is Solicited.

CHAS. DOAN & CO.,

Sharon,

CHAS. DOAN, Aurora.

Aurora, Dec. 6, 1855.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber begs to inform the inhabitants of Aurora, and surrounding Country,

That having purchased the premises lately occupied by Mr. RICHARD GILBANK, intends carrying on the business, and will keep constantly on hand a general assortment of

Dry Goods, Groceries, &c.,

Consisting, in part, of Cloths, Satinets, Cassimeres, Tweeds, Coburgs, Delaines, Gala Plaids, Lustres, Fancy Dress Stuffs, Flannels, Gingham, Fanny Regatta and striped Shirting.

Ready Made Clothing,

Boots, Shoes, &c. A choice assortment of Family

GROCERIES, TEAS, COFFEES,

SUGARS, RICE, &c.,

Fig Leaf, Honey Dew and other Tobaccos, Window Glass, Putty, Nails, &c., and all articles usually kept in the trade.

And having purchased his Goods under very advantageous circumstances, for Cash, feels confident of being able to give satisfaction with regard to prices, and hopes by strict attention to business and an earnest desire to meet the wishes of his customers, to merit a share of public patronage.

BENJAMIN PEARSON.

Aurora, Oct. 26th, 1855.

William Taylor,

HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTER,

GRAINER, Glazier, and Paper Hanger. Shop on Yonge Street, adjoining W. Mosley's office.

Aurora, 27th June, 1855.

WALTER B. GEIKIE M. D.,

LICENTATE OF THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CANADA WEST, AURORA, (MACHELL'S CORNERS.)

Aurora, May 1st, 1855.

W. MOSLEY,

CONVEYANCER AND LAND AGENT, Commissioner in the Queen's Bench Office on Yonge Street.

Aurora, 25th May, 1855.

CASH FOR WHEAT!

THE Subscriber will pay the highest price for any Quantity of WHEAT delivered at the Aurora Station, and will procure bags.

W. MOSLEY, Land Agent, Conveyancer, &c. Aurora, Sept. 27th, 1855.

NOTICE.

THE Subscribers beg to announce to the public, that they have leased the

CARPENTER'S SHOP, Belonging to the Estate of the late Mr. James Bosanquet, in the Village of AURORA, and will attend to the

Carpenter and Joiners' Work, In all its Branches, and hope by their unremitting attention to business, to merit a share of public patronage.

WITTY & HARVEY, Builders, &c., &c. Aurora, 25th May, 1855.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber begs to inform the public that he is now prepared to contract for Buildings. Having had experience in Toronto in some of the best shops, is able to do work in the Neatest Style—having constantly on hand all sorts of Joiner's Work

Doors, Sash, Window-blinds, Mouldings of any size, Fan Lights, Trusses, &c., &c., made to Order, and all work Warranted.

SHOP—Late Playter's tavern, Yonge-street. All orders pre-paid, punctually attended to.

JOHN BANKIN, Builder.

Aurora, March 8, 1855.

New Tin and Copper Warehouse,

Newmarket, next to Col. Cotter's Mill.

HODGE & SON

WOULD most respectfully inform the inhabitants of Newmarket and the surrounding country, that they have commenced business in the above line, and are now prepared to execute all orders entrusted to their care, with neatness, accuracy and despatch.

TERMS: LIBERAL.

HODGE & SON.

Newmarket, July 12, 1853.

A Building Lot for Sale

IN THE TOWN OF NEWMARKET, LOT No. 10 on the east side of Prospect Street and corner of Oakham Street, nearly opposite Mill Street, beautifully situated for a business place.

Apply to

GEORGE EAKIN, Unionville.

Mayham, Oct. 4th, 1855.

BUTLER'S PATENT FLOURING MILLS!



WESTON, COGSWELL & CO.

(Successors to Lowell, Wright & Co.)

MANUFACTURERS, 42, MAIN STREET, BUFFALO, N. Y.

MANUFACTURERS of every description of the most approved Mill Machinery. Plans and Specifications for Merchant and Custom Mills made to order. Constantly on hand—Dutch Anchor and Bolting Cloths, Screen Wire, India Rubber and Leather Belting, Mill Picks, Housling Bales and Screws, Flour Packers, Stucco Plaster, &c.

Agents for the most celebrated Smit Machines. Refer to Messrs. Hibbard, Jolt & Barton, J. S. Trobridge, Pratt & Co., Buffalo. Eagle Iron Works Co., Buffalo. Dr. O. Ford, Newmarket.

Orders from Canada punctually attended to.

Buffalo, Aug. 23rd, 1855.

Furniture Wareroom.

JOSEPH MILLARD, Newmarket, has constantly on hand a large Assortment of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE—Consisting of Black Walnut and Mahogany Side boards, Bureaus, Sofas, Tables, Chairs, and other articles usually required.

PATENT BEDSTEADS, of various descriptions; also, Coffin Plates, Mirrors, Varnish, &c., kept for sale.

As the subscriber keeps COFFINS ready made, he is prepared to furnish Funerals, on the shortest notice.

Newmarket, February 18, 1854.

Kermott, Brother & Co.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

DRUGS, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Turpentine, Varnish, Dye-stuffs, Spices, Rosin, Garden Seeds, &c., &c.

Manufacturers of Patent Medicines, Hair Oils, Essences, &c., &c.

Newmarket, March 29, 1855.

BOOT AND SHOE STORE!

JUST Received, by the subscriber, a Large and well selected stock of spring and summer

BOOTS AND SHOES.

For men, women and children, made of the best materials and in the latest styles.

The subscriber, in returning thanks for the very liberal patronage bestowed, respectfully calls the attention of the public to the above stock. The whole has been selected with great care, expressly for this market.

W. CARLINE.

Newmarket, April 20, 1855.

Don't Read This,

And then throw down the paper and forget all about it.

THOMAS NIXON

HAS now on hand a considerable amount of food for

MIND AND BODY.

That for the mind consists of choice reading matter—selected by himself with care, and is offered to the public at publisher's prices.

The food for the body, which he offers, is composed of—Bacon, Hams, Fish, Cheese, Dried Apples, Fruits, Teas, Coffee, Spices, &c.; all of which, having been purchased with cash, T. N. will sell at such prices as cannot fail to give satisfaction to the purchaser.

Give him a trial and settle the fact for yourselves.

Do you Desire to Save Money?

THEN purchase your Groceries, Tobacco, China, Delph, Glass-ware, Nails, Hooks, Stationery and Patent Medicines, at

T. NIXON'S, Opposite Hewitt's Hotel.

Thomas Nixon

HAS on hand, in addition to those heretofore advertised, the following BOOKS:—
Memoirs of Dr. Chalmers, 2 vols. Twelve years a Slave.

The American Farmer. Life of Horace Greely. Minnie Herman. Household scenes for home circle. Americans of Australia. Life of W. H. Seward. American Agitators and Reformers. History of the Insurrection in China. Incidents and narratives in a Pastor's Life. Ruth Hall, by Fanny Fern. The Master minds of the West.

Monographs of English Martyrs. Our Parish. Cummings' Scripture Reading—Leviticus. Pride and Prejudice.

Daniel Boone and the Hunters of Kentucky. The Teacher and the parent. The Lamp Lighter. Poetical Works of Pope, Gray, Collins, Farnell, Watson, Green and Herbert.

Pearl Fishing, choice English Biography. The War of voices from the ranks, only 1s 4d. Nonpareils of the Musicians. Smith's History of Greece.

Self-Sisters or the Russia of To-day, only 1s 6d. The Old House by the River. Good's Book of Nature.

Neighbors of Russia and History of the present war. Battles of the Crimea. Twice told tales. Life and Beauties of Fanny Fern.

The Slave of the Lamp. Curiosities of Literature. Earnest Christianity, by Caughy. Life on the Plains and at the Diggins.

Also—Family Bible, a large supply of Stationery, Blank Account Books, Music, Music Books, and a variety of Fancy Articles. The National School Books of every age, as usual, to merchants, at publishers' wholesale prices.

In all its forms, done on the shortest notice, and at very low prices.

THOMAS NIXON is now prepared to insure Buildings against loss by Fire, in either the "Western" company of London (England), or the "Western" of Toronto.

The Subscriber is now prepared to pay the highest price in CASH, for all kinds of Farm Produce.

THOMAS NIXON.

Stove Warehouse

NEWMARKET.

Next door South of Mr. Millard's Warerooms.

G. MORTIMORE & CO.,

RESPECTFULLY announce that they have commenced the Stove and Tin Smith business, and will keep constantly on hand an assortment of

COOKING, PARLOUR, AND BOX STOVES,

Of the newest Patterns. Tin, Sheet Iron, Copper, and Japanned Ware, which they will dispose of for CASH, or on a SHORT CREDIT, at Toronto Prices.

Particular attention paid to Jobbing. All orders punctually attended to.

Newmarket, Sept. 27, 1853.

PENITENTIARY BOOT AND SHOE STORE.

Wholesale and Retail.

Prices much Reduced.

THE subscriber has just opened, and offers at Wholesale and Retail, at the

New Store on Yonge Street, A few doors above King Street, Toronto, a large stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES, consisting in part of Men's Calf, Kip, and Course Boots; Boys' and Youths' Boots and Shoes; also, Ladies' Gaiters, Buckies and Slippers, and Children's Wear of all kinds, which he will sell at

VERY LOW PRICES.

This Work is from the Manufactory of the Provincial Penitentiary at Kingston, C. W., and for durability and quality, cannot be surpassed by any in Canada.

India Rubbers in Great Variety.

JAS. B. CARRUTH.

Toronto, Sept. 18, 1855.

NEW FOUNDRY,

NEWMARKET.

THE Subscriber having lately established an Iron Foundry in this place, is now prepared to execute all orders with which he may be favored, either in Casting any kind of

Machinery for Mill Gearing, Or putting up STEAM ENGINES, on the shortest notice.

STEAM ENGINES, And all manner of Millwright Work, done to order. Cash paid for old Iron.

THOS. McPHERSON.

Newmarket, July 25, 1855.

To Carpenters and Millwrights,

WANTED, a number of Carpenters and Millwrights, to whom constant employment will be given.

THOS. McPHERSON.

Newmarket, July 25, 1855.

ESTATE OF THE LATE Robert Kirkpatrick.

THE Undersigned, duly appointed by law to administer the Estate of her late husband, requests all parties indebted to the said Estate to make payment without delay, and all parties having claims, to send in the same for settlement.

(Signed) MARY KIRKPATRICK, Administratrix.

Newmarket, March 24, 1855.

The Stock in Trade selling off at prime Cost.

Flooring! Flooring!

THE subscribers having, at great expense, built one of the latest improved

PLANING MACHINES,

capable of planing 10,000 per day, are now prepared to dress lumber as well as at cheap as any other establishment in Canada. Having the advantage of building their own machinery, and one of the firms having had nearly 14 years experience in the business, they flatter themselves that they

Cannot be Beaten by any Shop in the western province. They keep constantly on hand

BEVEL WEATHERBOARDS. These Boards are much superior to any other, as the lower edge is as thick as a common weather-board, while it is but one quarter of an inch at the top, which gives the nail more hold and the saw less power to warp it. The boards are dressed with great care and exactness. Millwright Planing of all kinds, done in the best manner. Having one of the most improved Engine Lathes, they are prepared to do all kinds of

IRON AND WOOD TURNING, On the shortest notice. Also, all kinds of SCROLL SAWING done in such a manner that for ordinary work it will be smooth enough for painting upon. A quantity of Seasoned Flooring for sale.

JOSIAH JAMES & CO.

Newmarket, August 9, 1855.

WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY,

Chartered by act of Parliament.

Capital 100,000.

Home Office Toronto.

President, I. C. GILSON.

Vice President, THOS. HAWORTH.

DIRECTORS.

GEORGE MITCHELL, JAMES BEATY, WALTER MACFARLANE, M. P. HAY, ANGUS MORRISON, Solicitor.

ROBT. STANTON, Secy. & Treasr.

The Subscriber has been duly appointed Agent in Newmarket, for the above Company, and will give personal attention to parties desirous of effecting Insurance &c.

THOMAS NIXON.

Newmarket, Feb. 17, 1854.

Cabinet Wareroom,

OLD STAND, MAIN STREET, NEWMARKET.

THE subscriber in returning thanks to his numerous friends and the public in general for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him since his commencement in business, would respectfully inform them that he has now on hand a general assortment of

CABINET AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, which he will dispose of on the most reasonable terms.

All orders promptly attended to; and great care taken in their execution.

Funerals undertaken on the shortest notice.

JOSEPH BOTSFORD.

Newmarket Oct. 12, 1854.

BLACKSMITHING!

ALLAN WHITE, formerly known by the name of Charles White, begs to inform the inhabitants of NEWMARKET, and the surrounding country, that he has

COMMENCED BUSINESS

In the Shop formerly occupied by Geo. Bent, where he hopes by strict attention to business and moderate charges, to secure a share of public patronage.

ALLAN WHITE.

Newmarket, May 25, 1854.

To Merchants and Farmers!

New Steam Grist Mill!

THE subscriber respectfully announces that his new STEAM GRIST MILL, lately erected in this place is now in thorough working order, and he is prepared to do

Merchant or Custom Grinding, on the shortest notice, in a manner not to be surpassed in Western Canada.

And as this mill is capable of grinding about 40 bushels per hour, persons bringing Grists from a distance may, ordinarily, have it floured to take home with them.

O. FORD, Proprietor.

Newmarket, Aug. 2nd, 1855.

SADDLERY, HARNESS, WHIPS, &c.,

OF every description; together with every article in the Trade, manufactured and for Sale by